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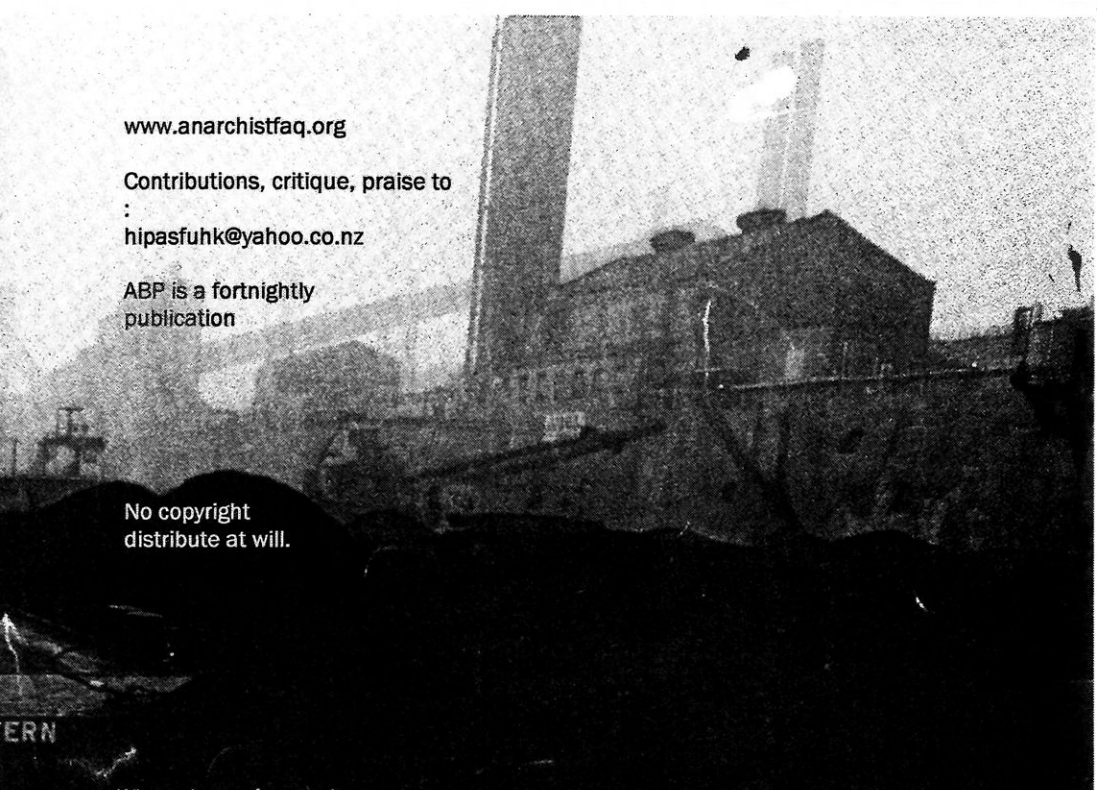

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What a deuce of a mess!

Here I am, a full day over the deadline. Big bags under my eyes from lack of sleep, still kinda wired from all the caffeine. All for you, dear readers.

This has got to be the most Gonzo, stream-of-consciousness induced introduction in our history. I'll shoot my metaphorical mouth off usually, now I'm so tired I just want to finish this bastard and go home. Gotta stop doing the late-night, coffee-jitters editing.

No-one has yet offered me wads of cash. Nor any lecture tours. No beautiful women have thrown themselves at me. Hell, not even a night out drinking at someone else's expense. The guy that convinced me these things happen when you write zines was a filthy liar. Come on kids, I'm flat broke and my birthday is coming up any day now!

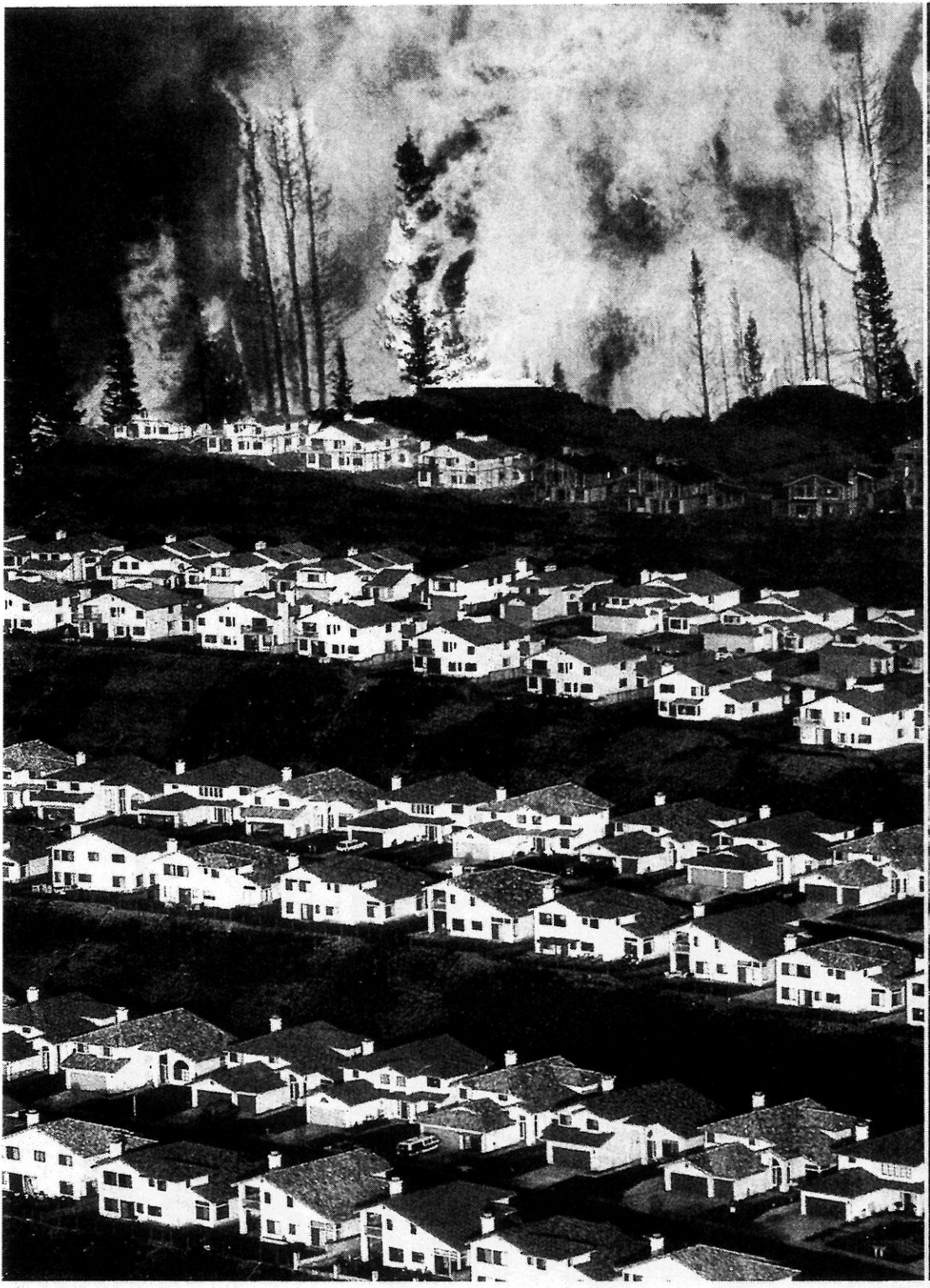
[Superfluous whinging removed – Ed.]

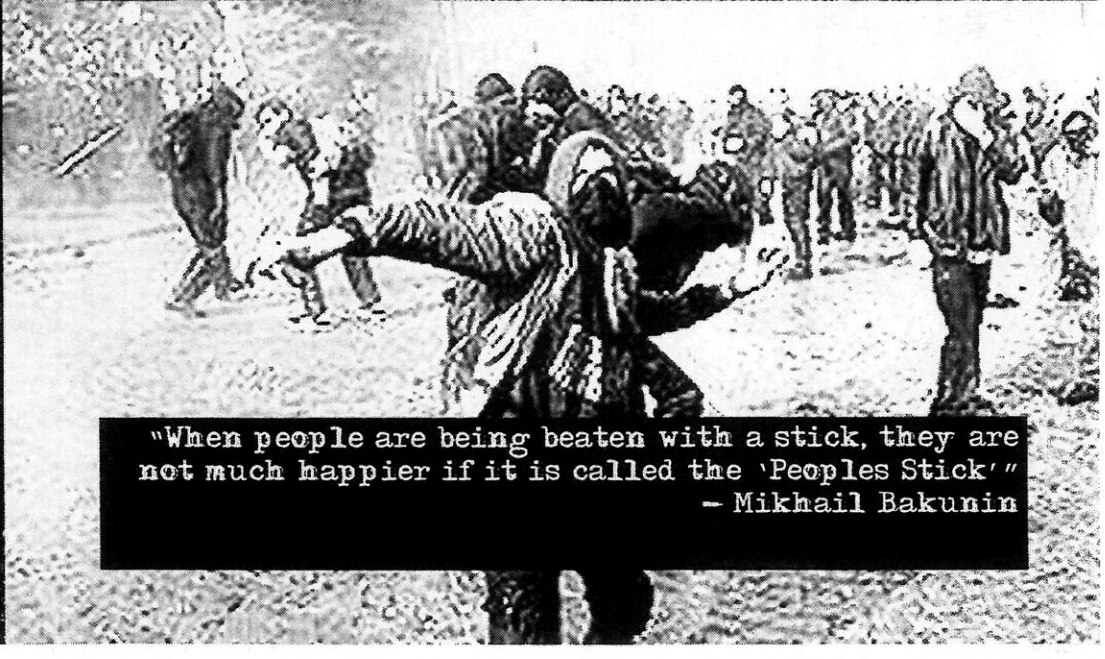
All that aside, you are holding in your hands Auckland's best (by default) revolutionary anarchist publication. This is it. The big kahuna. The subversive propaganda that The Man doesn't want you to read.

As always, distribute as widely as you can.

Your kids will thank you.

P.S. My likes include walks on Carribean beaches and getting packages of stuff. (Hint hint)





"When people are being beaten with a stick, they are not much happier if it is called the 'Peoples Stick'"
– Mikhail Bakunin

Anarcho-syndicalism

*"I'm basically a sort of anarchist and have been all my life. I believe that for advanced industrial countries at least, an organization in the manner that has been developed in **anarchosyndicalist** theories is exactly correct: it would be the best form of organization for an industrial society and possibly for any society."*

Noam Chomsky in **Language and Politics**

Few people would disagree that corporations have become such a dominant social force they often hold as much (or more) power than governments. Yet, for all their power, corporations are some of the least democratic institutions in modern society: control is maintained by a tiny elite of major stockholders and directors. The results of this mode of organisation are familiar to all. Standards of living and real wages continue to fall as the salaries of CEOs reach record highs. Since economic forces drive political decisions, any system of political democracy is meaningless when it is not accompanied by industrial democracy. The privatisation of public resources, services and essential human needs pays testament to the advancing age of corporate feudalism.

It would be hard for anyone to disagree that modern industry is designed to be dehumanising. Modern production was essentially invented by Henry Ford, who sought to reduce the actions of the workers to the repetitive motions of a machine. Modern bureaucracy was invented in Nazi Germany by Max Weber, who patterned it after the military chain of command. Incidentally, Henry Ford was a great admirer of Hitler: he personally donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Nazi cause and was the first American to be awarded Nazi Germany's highest honour – the Grand Cross of the Supreme Order of the German Eagle. The organisation of the average corporation has barely changed from what it was in Henry Ford's day.

A number of strategies have been attempted to curb the influence of big business: anti-monopoly and anti-trust laws, nationalisation of industries, trade unionism and even complete control of industry by the state. None have succeeded in solving the problem of growing inequity and poverty all around the world, and for a very simple reason: none have successfully tackled the problem of industrial democracy or workers' control of industry.

Anarcho-syndicalism aims to solve these problems in a unique and original way: it proposes that industry should be owned and managed directly by the workers in a radically democratic fashion. Where previously corporate command structures resembled those of a small dictatorship, syndicalism offers a non-hierarchical means of organising industry on any scale.

So, how does syndicalist organisation work then?
A syndicate (from the French chambre syndicale) is at the same time a producer cooperative and a revolutionary trade union. The syndicate is the means for its members to manage a certain workplace or industry: decisions are made collectively by the workers in this workplace or industry on a democratic basis. When the collective method of decision-making becomes unwieldy, the method of delegate democracy is used: delegates are elected by the workers to perform certain tasks (e.g. coordinate activity between other branches of the industry or with other syndicates).

All delegates at all levels are subject to instant recall if they abuse their positions or fail to carry out their duties. These delegates do not have any greater authority than what has been granted to them by the workers that elect them. Provided this method is followed, any further organisation flows directly from the needs of the entire organisation. A coordinating committee might be set up, for instance, to perform accounting and coordinating tasks at a higher level. Of course, where specialist decisions must be made, the syndicate would rely on the appropriately skilled or experienced members of the syndicate. These elements might manage the day-to-day administrative tasks, while matters of policy would be decided by a general assembly.

To make syndicates effective, they need to accurately represent all workers. Thus, syndicates need to be autonomous (not an organ of the government or a political party), unitary (one syndicate per workplace or industry which includes all workers) and non-authoritarian (where no single person has direct authority over other people). Many syndicates refuse to admit anyone with the power to hire and fire workers, to remain a pure expression of workers' interests. As more and more workers form or join syndicates, an alternative economy becomes feasible.

An industry organised according to syndicalist principles creates a number of advantages for its constituents. Workers, rather than bosses, directly decide what proportion of their income to spend on their business and how to most equitably distribute the rest. Syndicalist industry is also more efficient – the individual workers are motivated by a direct share of the profit rather than a fixed salary, so the motivation is greater and less is wasted. Health care, child care, holiday leave, sick leave and retirement all become a part of the costs of maintaining the workplace; this means that there is a greater emphasis made on safety and well-being of the workers. The increased efficiency also means shorter and more flexible working hours. The practices of overworking staff rather than hiring others or the practices of laying people off to increase profit margins will essentially end. Only those who are lazy, incompetent or uncooperative will be asked to leave the syndicate – the decision would have to be made by their colleagues rather than a manager.

Some might dismiss the principle of syndicalism on the grounds that it would be inefficient or incapable of dealing with industry on a large scale, but history does not bear these claims out. During the Spanish Civil War an entire region of Spain (Catalonia) has undergone precisely such a socialization of its industry; throughout the war Catalonia has produced four times as much as the rest of Spain put together. At its height, the anarcho-syndicalist confederation of trade unions CNT (Confederacion Nacional del Trabajo) included over 2 million members. This achievement is remarkable, since it was carried out at the initiative of the syndicates without any direction from above. All this was conducted while many of the civilian members of CNT had volunteered to fight a military coup led by the fascist General Franco.

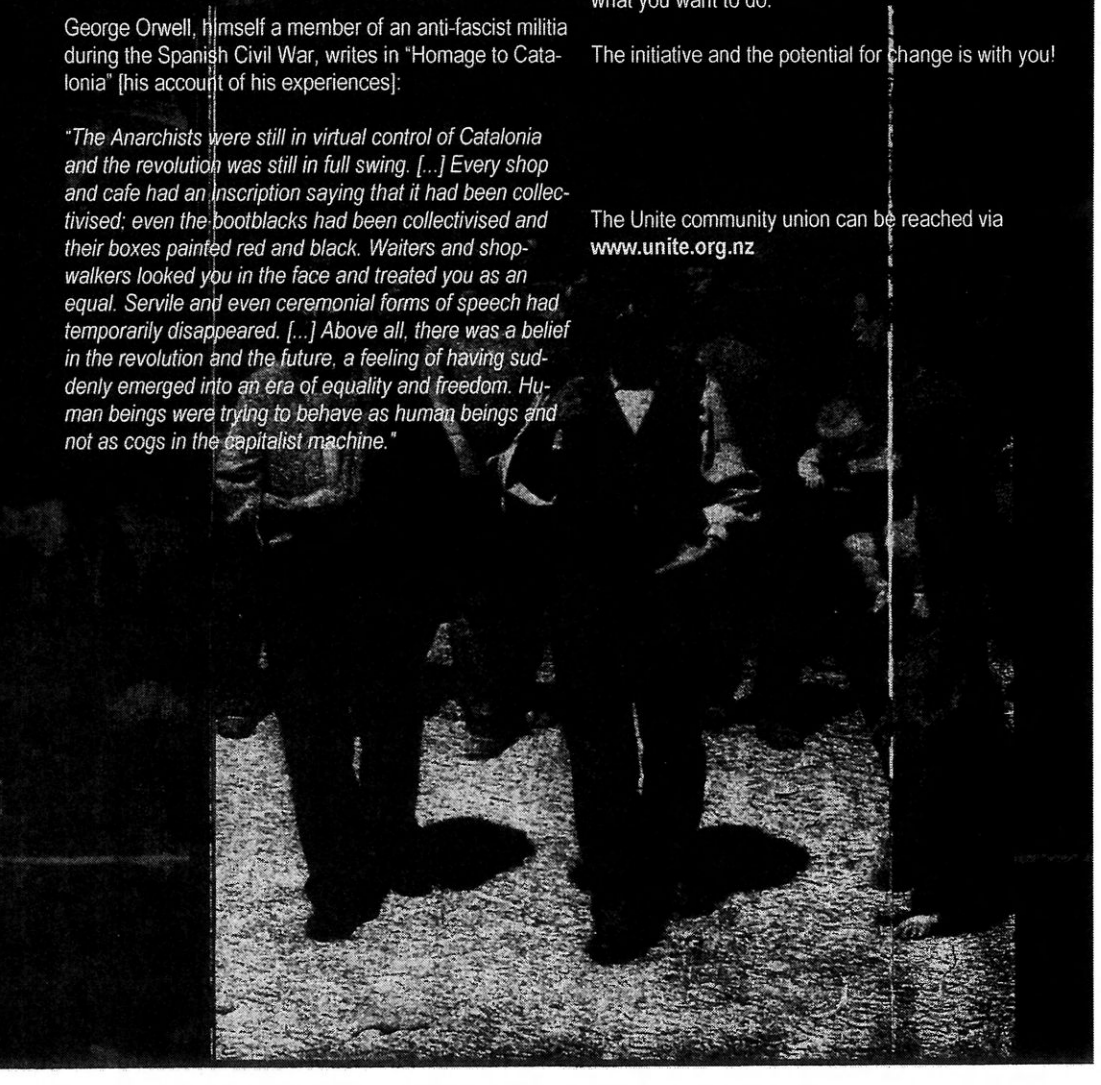
George Orwell, himself a member of an anti-fascist militia during the Spanish Civil War, writes in "Homage to Catalonia" [his account of his experiences]:

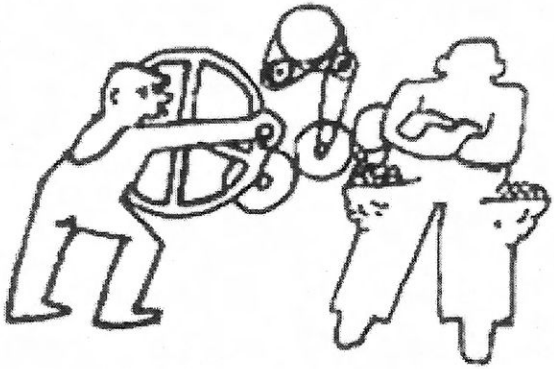
"The Anarchists were still in virtual control of Catalonia and the revolution was still in full swing. [...] Every shop and cafe had an inscription saying that it had been collectivised; even the bootblacks had been collectivised and their boxes painted red and black. Waiters and shopwalkers looked you in the face and treated you as an equal. Servile and even ceremonial forms of speech had temporarily disappeared. [...] Above all, there was a belief in the revolution and the future, a feeling of having suddenly emerged into an era of equality and freedom. Human beings were trying to behave as human beings and not as cogs in the capitalist machine."

Sadly, this society has been crushed by the rising tide of fascism – Hitler and Mussolini both sent armed forces to aid Franco, as the rest of the world looked on. A change of this kind is still possible in our society, but only if the workers' control movement becomes strong enough to assert itself against the juggernaut of global capitalism. We encourage all workers (including students and unemployed – we are all bound to work one day) to join trade unions, professional associations or syndicates and agitate for an official policy of workers' control. If there are no suitable organizations – create your own! The Unite community union based in Auckland is a radical organization dedicated to improving workers' rights and conditions; one of their organizers has assured your humble author that they will help you organize your own union if that is what you want to do.

The initiative and the potential for change is with you!

The Unite community union can be reached via **www.unite.org.nz**





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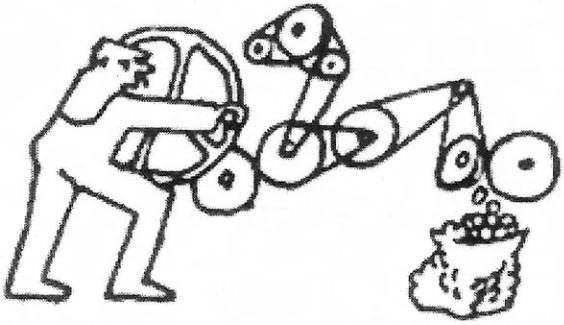

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Whose backyard ?

New Zealand , Australia , Fiji , Tonga and Papua New Guinea have sent armed personnel to the Solomon Islands to help a government that has shown very little Interest in helping the local people..

So what's it about then?

Gold Ridge started production in late 1998 after overcoming three years of legal challenges from landowners who were demanding compensation for environmental damage they claimed the mine would cause to rivers. The mine had been employing Guadalcanalese and Malaitan people, as a major local operation generating more than half of the nation's GDP, although workers never saw most of the revenue they helped create.

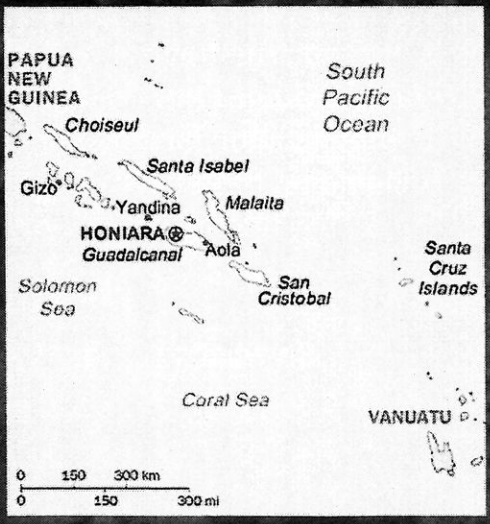
In late 1998 the Isatabu Freedom Movement (formerly known as the Guadalcanal Revolutionary Army) started their campaign demanding political autonomy, and more economic equity, in particular the distribution of money gained as a result of locating the administrative capital on the island and subsequent commercial projects including oil palm plantation and the gold mining.

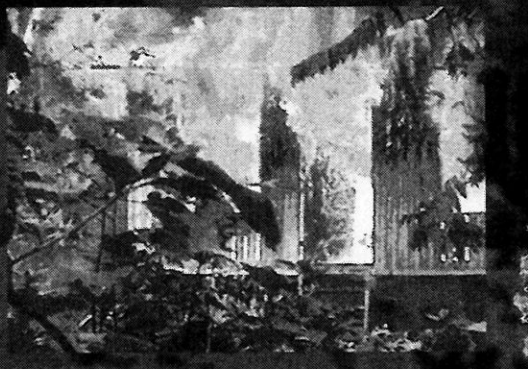
They also wanted cultural recognition for their role as hosts to other Solomon Islands people, some of whom had moved to Guadalcanal to work for Oil Palm Plantation (subsidiary of British owned Commonwealth Corporation) , and Gold Ridge Mining, many were Malaitans.

This recognition was not forthcoming, so conflict between Malaitans and the Guadalcanese ensued, the former killing some of the latter.

At this time Malaitans were so poorly paid that they would move their family members with them to Guadalcanal so that they could garden for subsistence and work between them while sending some of their wages back to Malaita for schooling; as a result they formed a large proportion of the populace who were willing to negotiate their labour away for less than anyone else.

With the government ignoring the claims of the Guadalcanese it could have looked as though the Malaitans being well represented in the civil service and private sector had something to do with it, however, even the so called local representatives were not helping out. The perceived Malaitan threat led in 1999 to the Isatabu Freedom Movement stating that they would use force if Malaitans did not leave rural Guadalcanal – by June 20,000 fled.





Villages were burnt to the ground in Guadacanal during the civil war by the Malaitan Eagle Force.

The Commonwealth Secretariat (*a main organ of consultation and cooperation among Commonwealth governments*) unsuccessfully appointed Sitiveni Rabuka in early 2000 as a 'peace envoy' to go to the area. The Isatabu Freedom Movement kidnapped and killed 15 Malaitans. Because of this a counter-militia was formed called the Malaita Eagle Force and was seen by many Malaitans as being representative of their people.

The Solomon Islands government did nothing to help the 20,000 who were forced to move or for the families of the 15 who were killed.

Members of the Malaitan Eagle Force during the ethnic conflict in the Solomon Islands.

This of course is not as simple as it sounds, and would be less likely to happen if people were not being deprived of their communal right to the resources that lay under their land .While the Solomon Islands Government claims it believes indigenous cultures are important, "customary" land ownership does not include natural resources or as large a share of the economic windfall as it gains by letting them be exploited.

The Solomon Islands has a government which is not anything like a democracy let alone a representative one. They make superficial administrative boundaries for constituencies that don't take into account which people live where or what their interests may be. Although there are over 100 different languages people are expected to ask their local representatives to address their problems in English, because it's the official language, not the most common one. In fact there is very little effort to translate for those who cannot communicate in English; they are not heard often enough. The government claims representation by dividing the country into 50 constituencies which have no means of engaging with ordinary people .Leaders basically operate with minority or no support whilst engaging in their international relations and obligations. Therefore you have a very small number of 'representatives' with massive foreign exposure but working at a local level who have no way of checking their claimed actions on behalf of the people they are supposed to represent , turning them into a middleman between the rural community and government at the national level.

The Solomon Islands Government won't even acknowledge that land is a serious issue to indigenous Solomon Islanders or recognise that land appropriated by former white colonisers ought to be restored to its rightful custodians. When customary landowners bring up the fact that the capitol city was built on customary land appropriated during the British colonial regime all post-colonial governments claim that this was done so long ago that they can not possibly take responsibility for it.

Not only does the government not listen to the people it does not look after them – this shows in the blatant lack of social services on offer to the inhabitants of the Island of Guadalcanal; where the provincial government seemed uninterested in how the changes they made would further serve to marginalise the Guadalcanal people politically , economically and socially.

Despite providing what should be adequate numbers for representation for Guadalcanal, in the national government these people don't seem to feel the way their constituents do, or they haven't the guts to say anything about it.

On the 5th of June 2000 members of the Isatabu Freedom Movement militia raided the mine and appropriated weapons and vehicles.

On the 6th of June 2000 the mine was shut overnight by its owners with "non-essential" staff taken to Honiara.

On the 14th July 2000 gunmen in Malaita Eagle Force and Paramilitary Police uniforms moved around the coast in two speedboats firing into huts at the village of Araligu before moving northwest to Visale where a solar powered radio was looted and patients were killed at a clinic where it is known that members of the Isatabu Freedom Movement have been for treatment. The radio was the main means of communication between the Red Cross and the capital which was cut off from rural Guadalcanal by Malaita Eagle Force roadblocks. Isatabu Freedom Movement fighters recovering from shootouts have been "finished off" during their stays when they were targeted inside the clinic where they had been accused of using the solar radio for military purposes.

In late November 2000 Delta Gold (who then owned Gold Ridge Mining Company) where in the final stages of preparing a $42 million insurance claim against its political risk policy because of the closure of the mine. The mine was expected to yield gold for another ten to thirteen years and contains an estimated 20 million tonnes of ore.

In may 2001 almost a year after the political and ethnic conflict forced the closure of the mine Delta struck a deal with the insurance company for AUS $36 million payout and to go into a 50/50 deal with the insurer on the mine should it be re-opened.

In 2001 Delta gold turned into Aurion Gold when it merged with Goldfields and was acquired by Placer Dome Asia Pacific last year in a buy-out. Canadian based (with an office in Queensland Australia) Placer Dome, the worlds fifth largest gold mining company; claim that re-opening the mine is not a priority right now but they're pleased to see the "peace keepers" arriving.

New Zealand is sending 35 police officers including 10 who are already there who will be there for two years, plus 105 defence personnel who will be there in support including four helicopters increasing our aid to the Solomons from $6 million to $14 million.

Australia is sending 2,225 military, police and support personnel to "restore peace" at the invitation of the Solomon Islands government. Kofi Annan the UN secretary general has strongly stated that the United Nations system was fully prepared to contribute actively to the process.

A note on Harold Keke: This is the militia leader from Guadalcanal whom the governments leading the intervention operations in the Solomons would like us to believe is a major force behind all the problems there.

When war broke out about three years ago he wasn't even amongst the top hierarchy of the militia. He is based in an area near Guadalcanal called the Weathercoast where he and his men patrol. The police have killed some of his men and vice versa.

Senior government officials in Honiara, said the decision to go after Keke was made days after cabinet minister and Roman Catholic priest Father Augustine Geve was assassinated while touring his South Guadalcanal constituency on the Weathercoast on August 20.

Keke called the national radio station in Honiara claiming responsibility for the killings. He was also behind the massacre of ten Malaita men sent to the region supposedly to capture him in June.

Also raising questions is dynamic politician Alfred Sasako who is not impressed at the seeming urgency to eliminate Keke."I acknowledge that Keke is a criminal who is on the wanted list for murder after he was bailed by Premier Alebua and a Catholic priest during his capture following a 1998/99 shooting in which one Guadalcanal militant was killed," Sasako says.

"But why didn't the police arrest him when they went to investigate the 10 missing men from my constituency last July to August? After all, Keke was there with the police."It seems to me that the operation, which is currently underway, is intended to shift the blame to Keke, and shield the architects of the 2000 coup from any form of blame or punishment."

Because of the secret nature of the current mission, questions have been raised as to the real objective of the Keke hunt. Harold Keke and Guadalcanal premier, Ezekiel Alebua.also seem to be allied somehow.Ezekiel Alebua was involved in the armed uprising against Malaitans ,as was proved by documents found at the scene of an attempt on his life, outside Honiara last year. There was a belief that Keke was behind that armed attack on Alebua

It has also been claimed that the man carries with him gold bars stolen from the Gold Ridge mine outside Honiara at the height of the civil war.

(...the Solomon Islands are) "Ruled of some people, for some people,by some people"
(John Naitoro, Solomon Islands government since 1993 to 1998)

Harold Keke , the Isatabu Freedom Movement and the Malaita Eagle Force have all but disarmed themselves with the latter stating that they would hand their weapons over on Friday 22 August. Meanwhile New Zealand Foreign Affairs Minister Phil Goff has said that the gun control issue would be an important thing to be discussed at the Pacific Island leaders forum the 12th-19th based at the Sheraton hotel in Auckland where there will be around 400 delegates present.There is also the private "leaders retreat"which provides the opportunity for "off the record" dealings.They will be discussing the Solomon Islands , trade policy and "investment" undoubtedly.
So that's where the party's at.....

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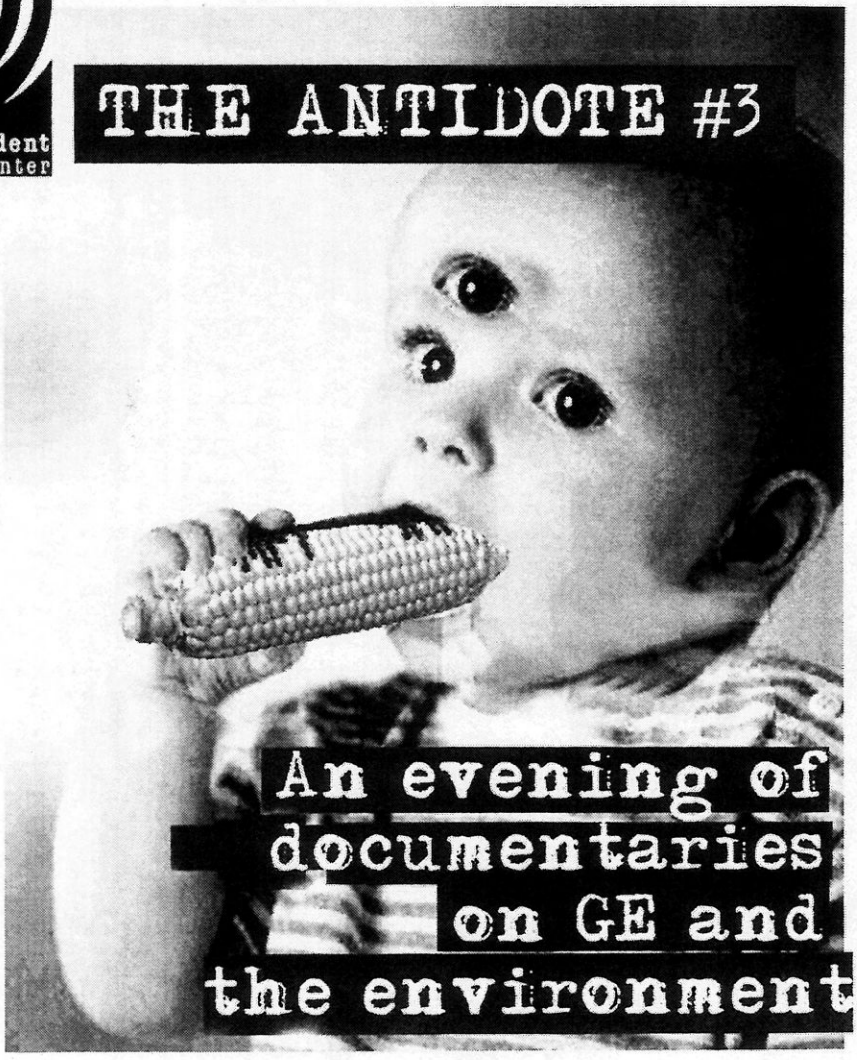

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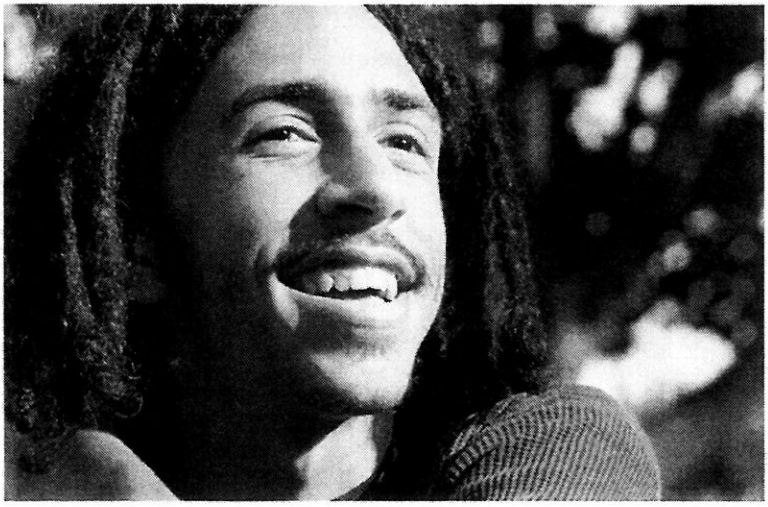

Sherman Austin-
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THE RAILROADING OF SHERMAN AUSTIN

ON JANUARY 24, 2001, A SMALL ARMY OF COPS AND FEDERAL AGENTS RAIDED THE HOME OF 18 YEAR OLD SHERMAN AUSTIN UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE PATRIOT ACT. THEY TOOK ALL OF HIS COMPUTERS, POLITICAL LITERATURE, AND FORCED THE SHUT DOWN OF HIS WEBSITE, WWW.RAISETHEFIST.COM..

ON AUGUST 4, 2003, AUSTIN WAS SENTENCED TO 1 YEAR IN PRISON AND 3 YEARS PROBATION BECAUSE HE LINKED TO A WEBSITE THAT POSTED BOMB MAKING INFO. THE AUTHOR OF THE 'OFFENDING WEBSITE', WHICH WAS HOSTED ON AUSTIN'S SERVER, WAS NEVER CHARGED WITH A CRIME.

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A HOST OF OTHER WEBSITES PUBLISH MATERIAL THAT IS FAR WORSE. SITES LIKE AMAZON.COM SELL BOOKS ON SUBJECTS LIKE BOMB MAKING WHILE MANY OTHERS POST SIMILAR INFO FOR FREE. ALL OF THESE HAVE ESCAPED ANY CHARGES BY THE AUTHORITIES.

SHERMAN AUSTIN, WHO IS AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN A NON VIOLENT PERSON, WAS ONLY RUNNING A WEBSITE THAT QUESTIONED THE STATUS QUO. HE HAS BEEN RAILROADED TO JAIL BECAUSE HE HAS INSPIRED MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD TO CONSIDER ANARCHIST IDEAS.

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FROM SHERMAN AUSTIN:

3 Wednesday

On Jan 24, 2002, my home was surrounded and raided by approximately 25 heavily armed FBI and Secret Service agents in one of the governments first attempts to exercise the new US Patriot Act. I was interrogated for several hours while they ransacked my room and they seized a network of computers which I used to run my web site raisethefist.com. They also seized protest signs, and political literature. Their excuse was a protest guide (which I didn't author) that was posted to my site which a small portion contained information on explosives. The FBI had been monitoring the site long before this was ever posted, and long before Sept 11.

The "explosives information" on my site (again which I didn't author) doesn't compare to what you can find on any other web sites such as howthingswork.com, Loompanics.com, Bombshock.com, Totse.com, Amazon.com, or the many neo nazi web sites which cover everything from assassinations, explosives, fraud and firearms.

It's obvious a web surfer interested in making a bomb or taking part in other extra-illegal activities would not have to rely on Raisethefist.com. So how could the "bomb making information" on raisethefist.com be a concern to authorities?

It wasn't a concern, it was simply used an excuse to exercise the new Patriot Act and take down the site. And that's what they did when federal agents spent 5-6 hours interrogating me while they disassembled each computer one by one , mirrored each hard drive, then loaded everything into a big white truck. During this whole process I was told I wasn't going to be arrested, and that I could even leave if I wanted to. Once the agents finished packing everything up, Special Agent John I. Pi, who was conducting the investigation and raid said that I had crossed a line, and as long as I got back on the other side of that line I'd be okay.

A week later despite what happened I still continued with my plans to attend the demonstration against the World Economic Forum in NY. As I was waiting for the march to begin, a swarm of NYPD officers rushed straight at me and scooped up about 26 people, one of which was me. We sat on a bus for 7 hours before being taken to Brooklyn Navy Yard Jail. I was there for about 30 hours before I was taken out of my cell and put into a backroom in handcuffs and interrogated once again by the FBI and Secret Service for several hours.

They asked me questions such as if I was a terrorist or involved in any terrorist organizations. During the interrogation I noticed more and more agents walking through the room. I was told I wouldn't leave custody unless they searched my car. I said I had nothing to hide and simply wanted to go home. Stressed and aggravated, I signed over my keys. A few minutes later I was driven to the court and released.

As I was waiting for someone to pick me up, about 5 FBI agents entered the court and said I was arrested for "distribution of information related to explosives over the internet". One of the agents grabbed my neck and told me to shut the fuck up while I tried to tell one of the legal observers I was being arrested. I was hurried out of the court house into a black SUV where I was driven to a federal building. I was then taken to lower Manhattan MCC maximum security 24 hour lockdown federal jail facility.

At my bail hearing the FBI called me a "man on a mission" and said I drove 3,000 miles to carry out my alleged "plot". The judge said I was a "threat to the community" and denied me bail, and I was to be extradited back to California to face my charges. After 11 days I was shackled and taken to an airforce base where federal inmates are boarded onto planes surrounded by guards with M16's and shot guns, like prisoners of war, and flown to a federal jail "hub" in Oklahoma. Once I got there, I learned the next day that the prosecutors decided not to file an indictment. I was released after spending 13 days in custody.

When I got back to Los Angeles I put raisethefist.com back up almost immediately. I continued my political organizing within the community, as well as my work with Raise the Fist which developed into a Direct Action Network with chapters setup around the world. 6 months later prosecutors contacted my lawyer and said they found nothing to prosecute me for on my computers, but didn't want to "let me off the hook". They offered me a pre-indictment binding plea agreement which was initially 1 month in jail, and 5 months in a "community corrections facility". I rejected the plea at first, wanting to go to trial until we discovered the case was eligible for a terrorism enhancement, which could have added 20 years to my sentence.

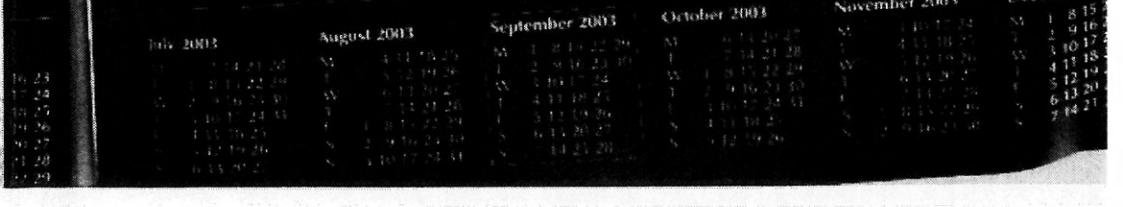
I therefore decided to enter a plea. I played months of legal limbo until I finally expected to get sentenced to 4 months in jail and 4 months in a community corrections facility based on the final pre-sentencing report written by the USPO. The judge rejected the 4 months saying what kind of an example would it set for "future revolutionaries" wanting to act in the same manner. He stated he wanted to give me at least 8-10 months but first wanted the opinion of the Justice Department and the Director of the FBI in Washington, DC (Robert Muller). My sentencing was rescheduled several times until August 4th. I was convicted for felony; distribution of information related to explosives with intent, and sentenced to 1 year in federal prison with 3 years supervised release.

Distribution of information related to explosives is not illegal. What's illegal is the INTENT part. They have to prove you have intent to use the information to cause further crime of violence. And how do they prove intent? I think Bush made it clear when he said "you're either with me or against me".

Remember, fascism and a police state doesn't come all at once, it comes piece by piece. How far will we allow it to go until we are all locked up in concentration camps.

If we don't take matters into our own hands and do something about this now, then we are already prisoners of war.

Raisethefist.com is not shutting down, and the RTF Direct Action Network will continue to grow and remain active. A 1 year sentence is not the end of this. It's just the beginning.

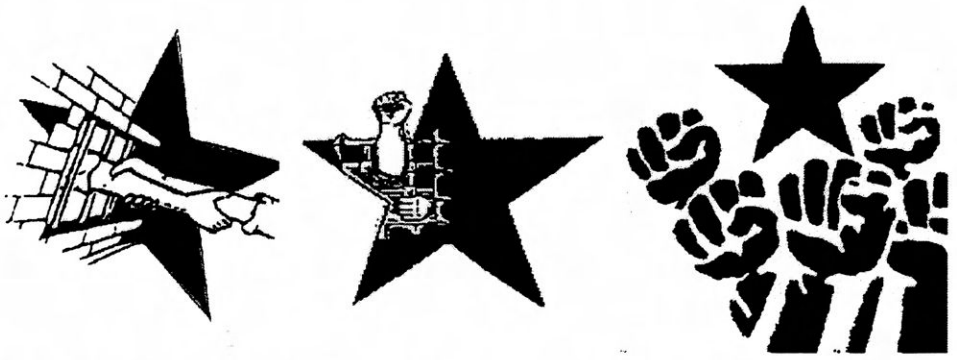


Sherman Austin has become one of the first victims of the USA PATRIOT Act. His site was the first to be shut down under the pretext that it contained information on manufacturing explosives. Despite the fact that such institutions as CNN, Amazon.com and a number of neo-Nazi groups have made similar information available, Sherman's site was the only one to be shut down by the newly-created Anti-Terror Task Force. Sherman was deliberately targeted for his political beliefs: the judge made it explicit he wanted to set an example for "future revolutionaries"; while neo-Nazi websites filled with violent rhetoric as well as explosive recipes were left unmolested. Even worse, Sherman was forced to accept a guilty plea as he was threatened with a terrorism enhancement provision that meant he would spend up to 25 years in prison if sentenced.

In a comment on Sherman's website, his partner writes:

"Sherman Austin is not a terrorist. [...] His anarchist ideologies could not be more badly stereotyped during this whole thing. He is non-violent, loving, compassionate, and helpful person. I remember him once mention that he would not engage in any violent acts that would hurt a living thing because he feels there's always an alternative to achieve justice, but it does not mean he will lay down while someone is threatening his life."

"Even my family loves him and worries for him while he goes to jail. My family cannot belief that this is happening to such a sweet guy. He's Sherman for goodness sake. He may be goofy, nice, shy, opinionated, idealistic, and helpful, but not guilty. He's never ever raised his voice at me nor shown any violent behavior."



Sherman needs our solidarity. Please e-mail him with your messages of support; send him books, magazines or other reading materials to help him through his time in prison. If you are lost for ideas, just send him an e-mail and ask him if he needs anything.

To contact Sherman, write to: keepfistraised@yahoo.com
To organize support, write to: liveiranlive@riseup.net

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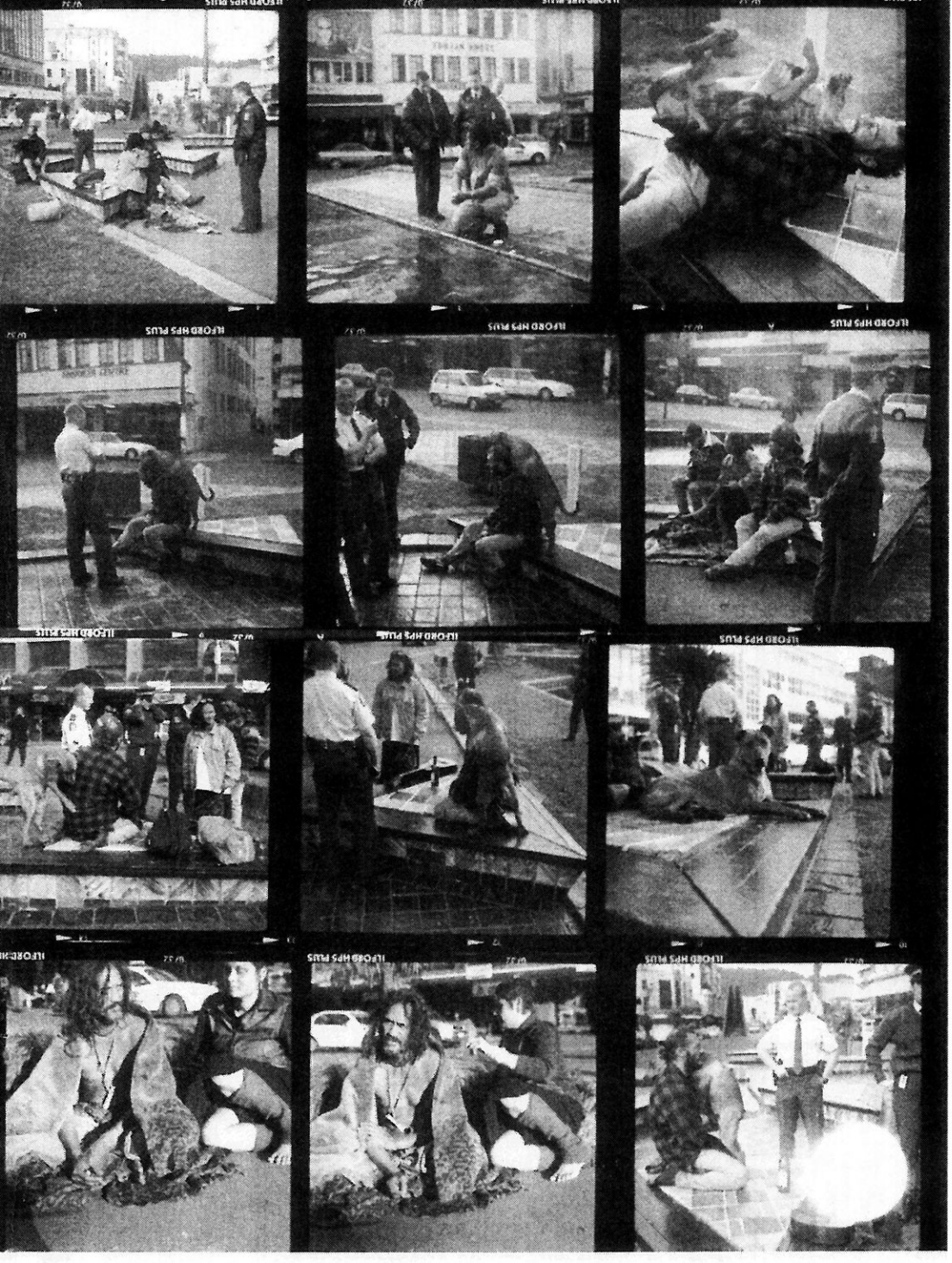

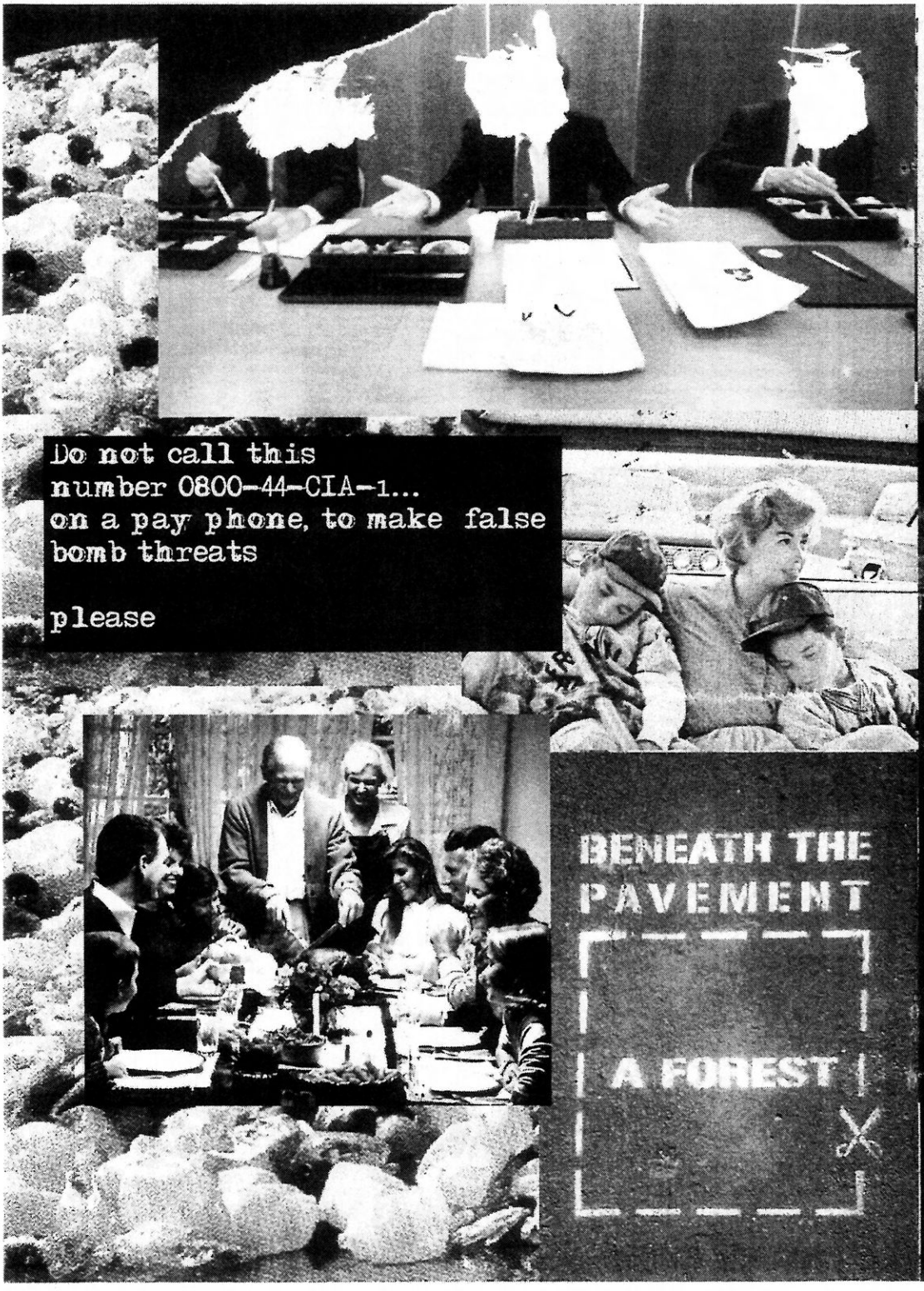
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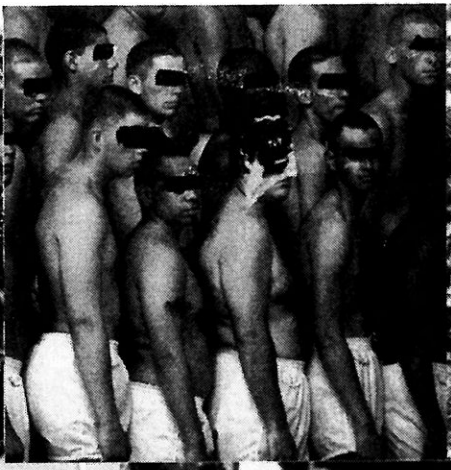

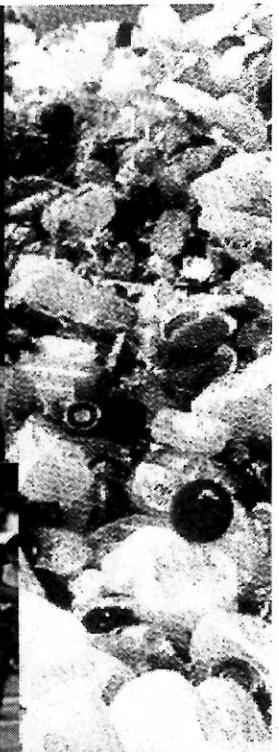

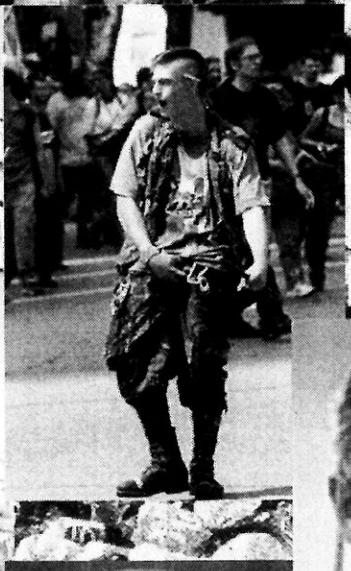

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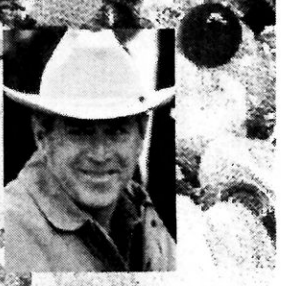

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